ment of funds for these projects are met in the Annual Plans of the Central Ministries, State Governments and the North Eastern Council.

(c) The NEC Amendment Bill, 1998 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 8th December, 1998.

(d) (i) The report submitted by Shukla Commission for determination of gaps in infrastructure and backlog in basic minimum services is being implemented by the Central Ministries/State Governments/ NEC.

(ii) The report submitted by the High Level Expert Committee for creation of employment opportunities for educated unemployed has been considered and the recommendations made have been incorporated in the New Industrial Policy for he North East notified vide Ministry of Industry's O.M. No. EA/1/2|96-IPD, dated 24-12-97.

**Rising crime-graph in Delhi**

1935. SHRI AMAR SINGH Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crime rate in Delhi are up by 27 per cent in October, 1998 and South Delhi tops list in robberies;

(b) if so, the details thereof during last four months: and

(c) what action Government have taken to check the rising crime graph in Delhi and with what result?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. During the month of October, 1998 there was a decline of 3.31 per cent in the reported IPC cases in Delhi when compared to the number of cases reported during the preceding month. There was also a decline of about 16 per cent in the cases of robbery reported during October. 1998 in the South District as compared to the preceding month.

The details relating to the period from July to October, 1998 are given in the attached statement. (see below).

(c) The steps taken by the Government to check/curb crime, inter-alia, include intensification of patrolling especially from 6 P.M. to 10 P.M.; surveillance over the activiies of known criminals; improved intelligence gathering; raids over the places of ill repute and suspected hideouts of criminals; high visibility of police in the vulnerable areas; and constitution of a regional coordination group comprising police officers of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan to exchange information about the criminals.

**Statement**

| District | July | August | Sept. | Oct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| North | 510 | 408 | 435 | 378 |
| North West | 915 | 1012 | 921 | 880 |
| Central | 449 | 448 | 416 | 537 |
| New Delhi | 380 | 384 | 342 | 349 |
| East | 392 | 420 | 425 | 446 |
| North-East | 485 | 544 | 471 | 485 |
| South | 1313 | 1384 | 1243 | 1303 |
| South-West | 620 | 643 | 603 | 536 |
| West | 697 | 965 | 995 | 857 |
| IGI Airport | 58 | 56 | 65 | 52 |
| Delhi Rly. Police | 222 | 256 | 363 | 248 |